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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8464
INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: STEINER'S ROLE

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1. HAVE JUST MET WITH DAVID HAMBURG AND HE SAYS THAT HIS
TELCON WITH STANFORD WAS LIMITED TO SAYING THAT STEINER QTE ON
ASSIGNMENT UNQTE. HE APPRECIATES POSSIBILITY OF PHONE MONITOR-
ING AT HIS HOTEL AND HAS BEEN MOST CIRCUMSPECT IN HIS CONVERSA-
TIONS. HE PARTICIPATED WITH AMBASSADOR AND DCM IN BRIEFING
STEINER PRIOR STEINER DEPARTURE DAR FRIDAY A.M., MAY 30.

2. STEINER WAS TOLD BY AMBASSADOR THAT HE WOULD BE PART OF
TEAM INCLUDING CONSULS MACFARLANE AND LOVING WHO WOULD BE
USED IN DEALING WITH VAGNI OR ANY OTHER AGREED UPON INTER-
MEDIARY. IT WAS NEVER SUGGESTED TO STEINER IN THIS BRIEFING
THAT HE WAS TO BE THE ACTUAL INTERMEDIARY.

3. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT THIS EMBASSY HAD AT ONE TIME
PROPOSED STEINER
AS AN INTERMEDIARY (DAR ES SALAAM 1748),
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BUT HE WAS MADE AWARE THAT THIS PROPOSAL WAS NO LONGER

A PART OF THE GAME PLAN.

4. STEINER THROUGH HIS DEPARTURE MIDDAY FRIDAY WAS COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS, AND WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE HE WILL CONTINUE TO BE SO. HE WILL ONLY UNDERTAKE THOSE ACTIVITIES ON WHICH WE HAVE ALL AGREED. HAMBURG CONCURS IN THIS ASSESSMENT.
CARTER

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